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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. ON AUGUST 16, AMBASSADOR GAVE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
TSVETKOV AN AIDE-MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH US POSITION PER
REFTEL. TSVETKOV (ACCOMPANIED BY DEPQY CHIEF OF MFA
DEPARTMENT ON UN AFFAIRS) NOTED BULGARIAN POSITION, BUT PRO-
MISED TO BRING THE US DEMARCHE TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS
GOVERNMENT FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS NOT IN SOFIA, AND FIRST OPPOR-
TUNITY TO SEE AN APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIAL WAS MEETING
ARRANGED FOR AUGUST 16.

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3. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF STATEMENT BY TODOR ZHIVKOV
ADDRESSED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES
STRONG DENUNCIATION OF RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN PART OF
AFRICA, BUT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO ISRAEL; WE DO NOT HAVE
FULL TEXT.

4. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH TSVETKOV, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF

MFA DEPARTMENT ON UN AFFAIRS, GRINBERG, MENTIONED TO THE
AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK IN 1975 AT THE
TIME OF THE UNGA ACTION. HE SAID THAT BULGARIA HAD NOT
THOUGHT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL AND RACISM, BUT
THAT "OTHERS" HAD DONE SO. GIVEN THE SITUATION, THEY COULD
NOT REFUSE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. HE HINTED THAT
THE SAME WOULD AGAIN BE THE CASE.
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